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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN MEDIA REACTION AUGUST 2

1. SUMMARY: REPORTS OF WHITLAM SPEECH TO AMERICAN AUSTRALIAN
ASSOCIATION IN NUV YORK JULY 31 CONTRASTED ON FRONT PAGES IN
MANY AUSTRALIAN PAPERS AUG 2 WITH ATTACK BY HEAD OF CHRYSLER
AUSTRALIA, MR. P. F. MOORE, ON GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICIES.
(DETAILS OF MOORE'S SPEECH IN SEPTEL. WATER GATE TESTIMONY
CONTINUES TO BE DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY. END SUMMARY.

2. MELBOURNE AGE HEADLINES SAID: "PM. PROMISES CONCESSIONS;
WHITLAM REASSURES U.S. BUSINESSMEN ON TRADE." REPORT STRESSED
NEED FOR PRODUCTIVE CAPITAL INFLOW, FAIR PRICES AND EXPANDED
GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY.

3. MACARTNEY REPORT IN AGE HEADED "WHITLAM LANDS GENTLY IN HIS
DIPLOMATIC LEAP" SUMMARISED WHITLAM PERFORMANCE AND CONCLUDED "THE
SUBDUED WHITLAM APPROACH SUCCEEDED IN MAKING PEACE WITH MR.
NIXON AT THE WHITE HOUSE". HE ADDED: ". NIXON DID NOT CONSULT THE
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA (MR. MARSHALL GREEN) BEFORE
MEETING MR. WHITLAM, ALTHOUGH MR. GREEN HAD FLOWN HOME FIVE DAYS
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EARLIER. IT WOULD SEEM THAT MR. GREEN - WHILE SENIOR AND

INFLUENTIAL AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT - DOES NOT HAVE THE PIPELINE INTO THE WHITE HOUSE THAT PREVIOUS AMBASSADORS ED CLARK AND BILL BATTLE ONCE HAD."

4. AUSTRALIAN LEAD SAID: "U.S. INVESTORS HEAR THE WHITLAM RULES". RAMSAY REPORT SAID "THE PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY TRIED TO REASSURE AMERICAN FINANCIERS AND INVESTORS THAT THEIR CAPITAL WAS STILL WELCOME IN AUSTRALIA. BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT UNDER HIS GOVERNMENT THE RULES HAD CHANGED AND ONLY INVESTMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AUSTRALIANS WAS WANTED."

5. SYDNEY MORNING HERALD LEAD SAID: "U.S. ASSURED ON MINERALS INVESTMENT."

6. CANBERRA TIMES LEAD SAID: "MR. WHITLAM DETAILS RESOURCES DIPLOMACY."

7. FINANCIAL REVIEW LEAD CRITICAL "WHITLAM STILL BETS EACH WAY. RESOURCES POLICY VERSUS MARKET REALITIES VERSUS ABORIGINES." ROBERT HAUPT REPORT SAID PM ATTEMPTING TO HAVE FOREIGN INVESTMENT CAKE AND EAT IT TOO. HE SAID SEEDS OF CONFLICT EXIST BETWEEN TWO MAIN PROPOSITIONS OUTLINED BY PM NAMELY "REALITIES OF THE MARKET PLACE" AND "BALANCED DEVELOPMENT". THE BASIC CONUNDRUM OF THE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES POLICY HAS YET TO BE RESOLVED, HAUPT SAID.

8. ATTACK BY MR. PAUL MOORE, AMERICAN MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CHRYSLER AUSTRALIA, RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE IN AUSTRALIAN PRESS. REPORT BY AUSTRALIAN TYPICAL. AUSTRALIAN BANNER HEADLINES PROCLAIMED "CHRYSLER CHIEF ATTACKS FEDERAL 'SILENT PARTNER'. GOVERNMENT WANTS 'CONTROL NOT EQUITY'." REPORT CONTINUED THAT IN A WIDE RANGING AND VIRULENT ATTACK MR. P. F. MOORE CLAIMED THE GOVERNMENT WAS HITTING INDUSTRY FROM ALL SIDES WITH A DISCRIMINATORY PRICE JUSTIFICATION TRIBUNAL; AN ECONOMICALLY MISTAKEN TARRIF CUT; AND POLICIES WHICH WOULD REGULATE THE MINING INDUSTRY INTO BANKRUPTCY. THE REPORT SAID MR. MOORE ALSO ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF TRYING TO REDUCE NUMBER OF CARS IN AUSTRALIA IN FAVOR OF A UTOPIAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM; TRYING TO COMPLETELY DOMINATE THE MEDICAL PROFESSION; KEEPING THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY PAROCHIAL; AND STIFLING THE EXPANSION OF THE B.H.P. COMPANY.

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9. CANBERRA TIMES CARRIED CRANSTON REPORT THAT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SHIPPING LINE WANTS TO INSTALL OMEGA NAVIGATIONAL AIDS ABOARD ITS BLUE WATER SHIPS.

10. MELBOURNE SUN AND OTHER PAPERS REPORTED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DECISION TO ALLOW SALES OF TWO DC-4 PLANES TO AMERICAN CHARTER FIRM FOR USE IN CAMBODIA FOLLOWING ASSURANCES

FROM CAMBODIA.

11. AUSTRALIAN FRONTPAGE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW GAS FIND BY WEST
AUSTRALIAN PETROLEUM LTD. AT BARROW ISLAND DEEP TEST WELL
OFF NORTH WEST SHELF.

12. PRESS CONTINUES TO FEATURE WATERGATE TESTIMONY ON FRONT
PAGE. AUSTRALIAN FRONT PAGE AUG 2 HAD HALDEMAN TESTIMONY BEFORE
ERVIN COMMITTEE AT TOP OF COLUMN EIGHT, IN EVEN MORE PROMINENT
POSITION THAN SPEECH BY PRIME MINISTER OR CHRYSLER MANAGING
DIRECTOR, THOUGH WITH SMALLER HEADLINE.
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